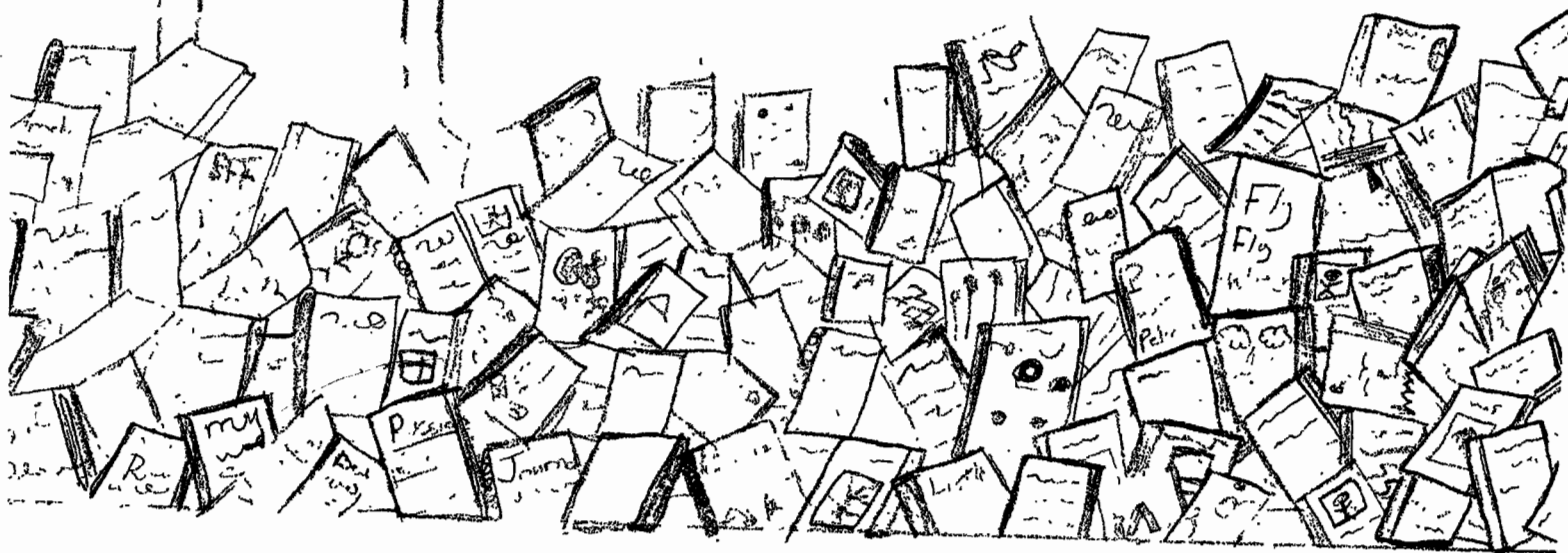
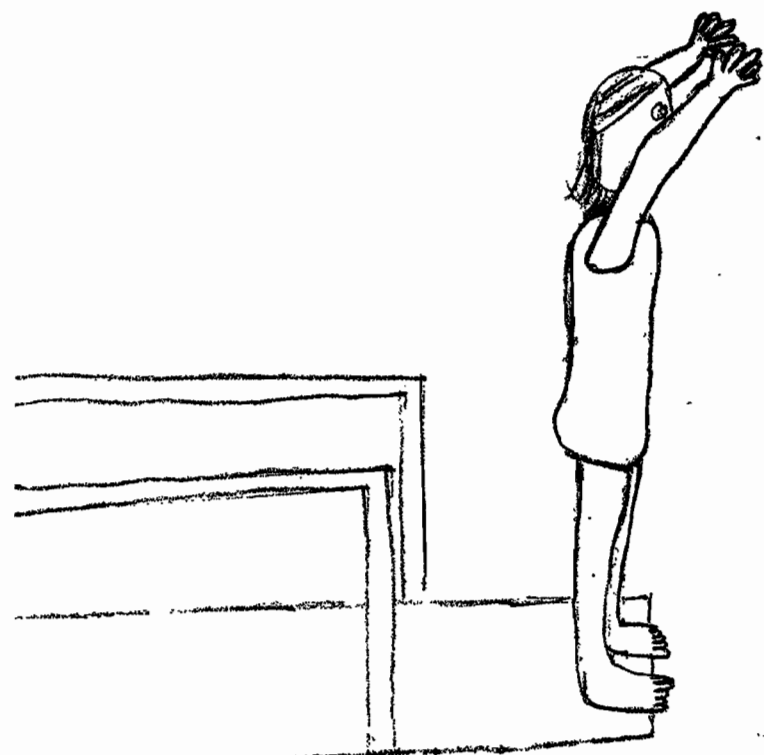


2007 Summer Reading List



Wellesley Public Schools
Department of Libraries
Elementary School
Summer Reading List 2007



June 2007

Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to summer and reading for pleasure! The faculty in the Wellesley elementary schools believe that reading is an important part of every student's life, a belief supported by research showing that "reading does tremendous things for the mind." Reading over the summer, in particular, prevents students from losing the reading gains they make during the school year.

Summer is also a time for families to relax, enjoy and pursue individual interests. Choosing one's own books, rather than reading what is assigned, provides a time for students to experience books as pleasure, without assignments, tests or pressure..

~~As always, Wellesley school librarians have spent time researching new books to add to our summer reading list.~~

It is our hope that you will visit the public library often to browse for books. If a particular title is not on the shelf, try another book by the same author or another book in the same genre. You can also ask the public librarian to try to order the book from another library or request a copy on-line through your library's website.

2007 student artwork, both on the cover and throughout the list was created by Schofield students. Many thanks to Christine Archer at Schofield for her help in introducing this project to students and helping choose final selections.

A check mark (✓) before an entry indicates a new title, category or updated annotation for 2007 and a check mark (✓) before a category heading means that all books in that category are new additions to the list.

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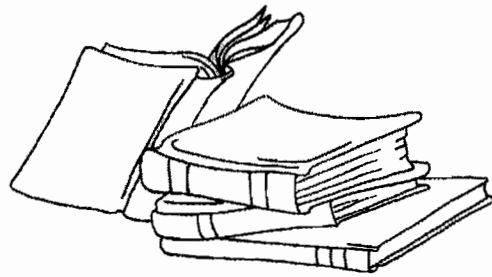

















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√ New Picks 2007 √

Adkins, Jan

**WHAT IF YOU MET A PIRATE?: AN
HISTORICAL VOYAGE OF SEAFARING
SPECULATION**

Pictures and text describe what pirates were really like, especially the pirates of the sixteenth, seventeenth, and eighteenth centuries.

Balliett, Blue

CHASING VERMEER

Two eleven-year-old classmates, Petra Andalee and Calder Pillay, combine their investigative efforts in order to solve the international art scandal regarding a missing Vermeer painting.

Carryl, Charles Edward

THE CAMEL'S LAMENT

Charles Santore, illustrator

In wonderfully large illustrations, a camel compares his life with the lives of other animals---all presented in poetry!

Choldenko, Gennifer

AL CAPONE DOES MY SHIRTS

In 1935, 12-year-old Moose Flanagan's family moves to Alcatraz Island, where his father gets a job as an electrician at the famous prison. Moose has to deal with this change, as well as with his older, autistic sister. Family dilemmas, an unusual setting, the prison's most famous inmate, Al Capone---you wouldn't expect such a book to have the sympathy and humor that it does. **Honor Book, Newbery Award 2005.**

Draper, Rochelle

THE STONE WALL DRAGON

Christopher bumps his head on a stone wall while exploring his family's farm in Maine and finds that when he awakens, the wall has turned into a dragon that takes him on a magical and memorable ride to the sea over beautiful landscapes filled with blueberry barrens, beaver ponds, and pastures of sheep.

Fisher, Catherine

SNOW-WALKER

Gudrun came from the mists and icy depths beyond the edge of the world to rule the Jarl's people. Will her son survive and try to overthrow his mother? A thrilling fantasy for all you fantasy lovers! (three books in one)



James, Simon

BABY BRAINS

Even though the new baby of Mr. and Mrs. Brains is very intelligent, they realize that he is still just a baby.

Jenkins, Emily

**TOYS GO OUT: BEING THE
ADVENTURES OF A
KNOWLEDGABLE STINGRAY, A
TOUGH LITTLE BUFFALO, AND
SOMEONE CALLED PLASTIC**

You won't forget this charming beginning chapter book about the friendships among a little girl's toys. Along the way you'll meet marvelous characters such as a washing machine named Frank and a wise towel called Tuk Tuk.

Jenkins, Steve

ACTUAL SIZE

A stunning book in which life-size illustrations of eighteen creatures encourage readers to compare the sizes, weight, and body parts of animals such as the Siberian tiger, a gorilla, the Alaskan brown bear, and the world's largest spider.

Knudsen, Michelle

LIBRARY LION

The library is no place for a lion, or is it? this lovely, classic-looking picture book broaches the question of when it's okay to break the rules.

Levine, Ellen

**HENRY'S FREEDOM BOX: A TRUE
STORY FROM THE UNDERGROUND
RAILROAD**

Henry "Box" Brown, a Virginian slave in 1849, escapes to freedom by shipping himself from Richmond, Virginia to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in a wooden crate. Even though this is a fictionalized account of Henry's adventure, the story is quite memorable.

Look, Lenore

RUBY LU, EMPRESS OF EVERYTHING

In this sequel to "**Ruby Lu, Brave and True**", high spirited Ruby is given the role of "Smile Buddy," helping her deaf cousin from China, called Flying Duck, adjust to her new life in America.

Lowry, Lois

GOSSAMER

While learning to bestow dreams, a young dream giver tries to save a young boy from nightmares forced upon him by the startling Sinistees and from the effects of an abusive past.

Maclachlan, Patricia

BITTLE

Nigel the cat and Julia the dog think they will have no use for the new baby in their house, but after awhile they realize that they have come to love her.



Van Allsburg, Chris

PROBUDITI!

On the occasion of his birthday, Dalvin and his buddy Rodney get the opportunity to see a magician perform. The boys then copy the magician by hypnotizing Calvin's little sister. there's just one problem: she won't snap out of her hypnotic state!

Wheeler, Lisa

SEADOGS: AN EPIC

OCEAN OPERETTA

When Old Seadog decides on one last sail, he invites his good friends Brave Beagle and Dear Dachshund along for the ride. This musican story features cartoon illustrations and song lyrics.

Woodson, Jacqueline

COMING ON HOME SOON

After Mama takes a job in Chicago during World War II, Ada Ruth stays with Grandma but misses her mother who loves her more than rain and snow. **Honor Book, Caldecott Award 2005.**

Winter, Jeanette

THE LIBRARIAN OF BASRA

An incredible, true story about a brave librarian in Basra, Iraq, who moved almost an entire library into her home and the home of her friends in order to save them from being destroyed in the war.

Wise, William

CHRISTOPHER MOUSE

This book is a delightful tale about the many adventures of a small mouse looking for a new home where his owners will appreciate him.

For All Ages

Thomas, Marlo

THANKS & GIVING ALL YEAR LONG

An absolutely wonderful book for children of all ages filled with poems, songs, and stories about reasons why people are thankful and how people show that they are thankful. Several performers, writers, and artists have gathered together to share their stories and illustrations to celebrate some of the very best things in their lives.



✓Eager, Edward

HALF MAGIC

This is the story of four children named Jane, Mark, Katherine and Martha, who discover a magic coin that grants half of any wish. Together they figure out how to use the coin to its best advantage, with lots of adventures along the way. (First in a series)

George, Jean Craighead

MY SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN

A survival story in which a young boy leaves Manhattan to match wits with the wilderness of the Catskills.

Kipling, Rudyard

**THE JUNGLE BOOK:
THE MOWGLI STORIES**

This edition combines all the Mowgli stories into one book and includes outstanding watercolor illustrations by Jerry Pinkney. Mowgli is a boy raised by wolves in the jungles of India.

Knight, Eric M.

LASSIE COME HOME

Twelve-year-old Joe's family can't afford to keep Lassie, who is the finest collie in Yorkshire. Lassie must be sold to the Duke of Rudling, a bad-tempered, wealthy old man. Filled with danger and adventure, this is a story of the love and loyalty shared by a boy and his dog. First published in 1940.

Lindgren, Astrid

PIPPY LONGSTOCKING

A little Swedish tomboy has a monkey and a horse for companions.

Montgomery, Lucy

ANNE OF GREEN GABLES

Anne Shirley, an orphan adopted by the Cuthberts of Green Gables, wins the love of all who know her. (series)

✓O'Brien, Robert C

**MRS. FRISBY AND THE
RATS OF NIMH**

In order to save her home, Mrs. Frisby, a widowed field mouse, finds help from a colony of super-intelligent rat escapees from the NIMH laboratories, who have formed a unique rat society. (1972 Newbery Award Winner)

Pinkney, Jerry, illustrator

THE UGLY DUCKLING

In this beautifully illustrated version of Andersen's tale, the humor and wisdom of the story come shining through. Find other books illustrated by the Pinkney family (Jerry, Brian, and Andrea) and you will be in for a special treat!

Sendak, Maurice

WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE

The wild things--with their mismatched parts and giant eyes--manage somehow to be scary-looking without ever really being scary; at times they're downright hilarious. Sendak's defiant run-on sentences--one of his trademarks--float between the land of dreams and a child's imagination.



Fantasy & Science Fiction

Alexander, Lloyd

TIME CAT

Jason and his magic cat Gareth travel through time to visit countries all over the world during different periods of history.

Barry, Dave

PETER AND THE STARCATCHERS

A brilliantly conceived prequel to **Peter Pan**. A fast-paced adventure on the high seas and a faraway island, Peter and his mysterious new friend, Molly, overcome pirates and thieves in their quest to keep a secret safe and save the world.

✓Beck, Ian

**THE SECRET HISTORY OF TOM
TRUEHEART**

When young Tom Trueheart's seven older brothers all go missing from their adventures in the Land of Stories, he embarks on a perilous mission to save them and to capture the rogue story-writer who wants to do away with the heroes.

Christopher, John

WHEN THE TRIPODS CAME

A suspenseful prequel to the **TRIPODS** trilogy. Laurie, in amazement and horror, witnesses the seemingly unstoppable spread of the Tripods' power.

Cooper, Susan

KING OF SHADOWS

As part of an all-boy acting company preparing to perform in a replica of London's famous Globe Theatre, Nat Field suddenly finds himself transported back to 1599 and performs in the original theatre under the tutelage of Shakespeare himself.

Collins, Suzanne

GREGOR THE OVERLANDER

When eleven-year old Gregor and his two-year old sister are pulled into a strange underground world, they trigger an epic battle involving men, bats, rats, cockroaches, and spiders while on a quest foretold by ancient prophesy.
Underland Chronicles Series.

Coville, Bruce

THE MONSTER'S RING

Russell is constantly bullied--until he buys a mysterious green ring that promises to release him forever from being taunted. **Magic Shop series.**



✓**Martin, George R.**

THE ICE DRAGON

Filled with pictures of swooping dragons and characters in medieval-type clothes, this fantasy is a brief but rich introduction to the genre, one that should appeal to both girls and boys.

✓**McCaughrean, Geraldine**

PETER PAN IN SCARLET

This is the FIRST-EVER authorized sequel to J.J. Barrie's original **PETER PAN**. All is not well in Neverland and the Here and Now. Wendy and the Lost Boys go back to Neverland ... only to discover adventure and intrigue!

Ringgold, Faith

TAR BEACH

A young girl dreams of flying above her Harlem home, claiming all she sees for herself and her family.

Scieszka, Jon

TIME WARP TRIO#7:

SUMMER READING IS KILLING ME!

This Time Warp Trio adventure takes the cake. Fred put their summer reading list inside "The Book" (the magic one, that is), and now the three friends are destined to spend their summer living stories that were only meant to be read.

Strickland, Brad

**THE TOWER AT THE END OF
THE WORLD**

Will Lewis, his uncle Jonathan, and their friends be strong enough to defeat an evil sorcerer who is determined to destroy the world? A scary, exciting sequel to **THE HOUSE WITH A CLOCK IN ITS WALLS**.

Townley, Roderick

THE GREAT GOOD THING

A princess leaves the pages of her picture book and enters the real world--but has to be back in her place whenever someone decides to read her book.

Van Allsburg, Chris

ZATHURA

This book picks up where **JUMANJI** left off, when the troublemaking Budwing brothers find the board game in the park. In true Van Allsburg fashion, the fantastic results.

Waugh, Sylvia

SPACE RACE

Eleven-year-old Thomas moves from Earth back to his family's home planet "Ormingat." Will he stay or return to Earth and his friends? Also: **EARTHBORN**.

"The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who cannot read them."

~ Mark Twain ~



Lipton, Hugh

**THE STORY TREE:
TALES TO READ ALOUD**

Lively retelling of favorites such as "The Little Red Hen" and lesser-known tales, accented by funny illustrations, make this a hit for read-aloud times.

Long, Laurel

**THE LADY AND THE LION:
A BROTHERS GRIMM TALE**

With help from Sun, Moon, and North Wind, a lady travels the world seeking to save her beloved from the evil enchantress who turned him first into a lion, and then into a dove.

Lunge-Larsen, Lise

THE RACE OF THE BIRKENBEINERS

Two medieval peasants valiantly save an infant prince by skiing through mountains during a blizzard and creating the tradition for a race that exists to this day.

McCaughrean, Geraldine, ret. ROMAN MYTHS

Lyrical, vigorous retellings of the fascinating old myths.

Moser, Barry

THE THREE LITTLE PIGS

The chubby piglets are very small, the wolf big, bony, and very bad, in this sly retelling of the familiar tale.

√Nesbit, E.

JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

A boy climbs to the top of a giant beanstalk, where he uses his quick wits to outsmart a giant and make his and his mother's fortune.

Paye, Won-Ldy

**MRS. CHICKEN AND THE
HUNGRY CROCODILE**

Mrs. Chicken has to think fast to outwit the hungry Crocodile, who wants to eat her for dinner.

Ray, Jane

HANSEL AND GRETEL

Ray's extraordinary illustrations, emblazoned with gold and abounding with many imaginative details and symbols, will delight readers of all ages.

√Rocco, John

WOLF! WOLF!

A retelling of the classic tale about the boy who cried wolf, set in Ancient China, in which a hungry wolf wonders if the boy is inviting him over for lunch.

Rosales, Melodye Benson

LEOLA AND THE HONEYBEARS

An African-American re-telling of **Goldilocks and the Three Bears**.



Zeman, Ludmila

SINBAD

New retelling of one of the tales of the **Thousand and One Arabian Nights**.

Zhang, Song Nan & Ho Yu

A TIME OF GOLDEN DRAGONS

A tribute to the Year of the Dragon traces dragon history and dragon legends, and even provides the reader with a way to chart dragon time every day of every year.

*"In the case of good books, the point
is not to see how many of them you
can get through, but how many can
get through to you."*

~ Mortimer Adler ~



Duffey, Betsy**THE GADGET WAR**

At eight-years-old, Kelly Sparks has already invented 43 things. Now there is a school invention competition and suddenly a new student has arrived. He is named for a world famous genius and has been to Young Inventor's Camp!

English, Karen**HOT DAY ON ABBOTT AVENUE**

On a blistering hot day in the city, two friends argue and stop speaking to each other. As the day wears on, they finally are drawn back together, drawn by a love for jumping rope in this story about friendship.

Fuqua, Jonathan Scott**DARBY**

In 1926, nine-year-old Darby Charmichael stirs up trouble in Marlboro County, South Carolina. She writes a story for the local newspaper promoting racial equality.

√Gutman, Dan**THE HOMEWORK MACHINE**

Who hasn't wished for homework to magically get done? After a fifth-grader invents a computer to do his homework for him, three other students convince him to let them use it. Told from each students' perspective (as they tell their tale to the police), this fun chapter book doesn't shy from raising the topic of academic honesty.

Giff, Patricia Reilly**NORY RYAN'S SONG**

Twelve-year-old Nory and her family courageously endure Ireland's mid-nineteenth-century potato famine.

Hesse, Karen**OUT OF THE DUST**

A young girl loses her mother and music helps to ease her pain. A gripping poetic family story.

Hill, Kirkpatrick**THE YEAR OF MISS AGNES**

Miss Agnes is the new teacher in the Athabaskan village on the Koyukuk River in Alaska. Will she be like all the teachers before her and leave after one year? She certainly is a "strange" one, not like all the other teachers Fred has had.

√Holm, Jennifer**PENNY FROM HEAVEN**

Penny's world is divided between her mother's staid family and her father's exuberant Italian one in this coming of age novel set in the 1950s. Penny longs to learn more about her dead father, especially when her mother begins dating. A historical note explains not only the author's impetus for writing the story but the fact that some Italians were put in internment camps during World War II.

Holm, Jennifer L.**OUR ONLY MAY AMELIA**

Headstrong and adventurous, May Amelia lives in Washington state at the turn of the last century. She is the only girl in a family of eight and has no interest in being a proper young lady.



Park, Linda Sue**WHEN MY NAME WAS KEOKO**

A Korean brother and sister, in alternating chapters, describe their lives under Japanese occupation during World War II. Also: **A SINGLE SHARD**.

Peck, Richard**A YEAR DOWN YONDER**

Sequel to **LONG WAY FROM CHICAGO**, fifteen-year-old Mary Alice leaves Chicago to spend a year with her grandmother. Apprehension at life with an old woman in rural Illinois during the Depression gives way to admiration as she recognizes Grandma's warm heart.

✓Peck, Richard**HERE LIES THE LIBRARIAN**

Tomboyish Peewee and her brother run an auto-repair garage in this funny historical fiction title set in 1914 Indiana. When four adventurous library science students - and automobile heiresses - blow a tire right in front of Peewee's garage, they decide to reopen the public library, closed since the town's dreaded librarian expired. The genteel students mix with the rough-and-tumble townspeople, and life for everyone changes for good.

✓Pennypacker, Sara**CLEMENTINE AND TALENTED
CLEMENTINE**

Clementine can't help getting into trouble in this chapter book reminiscent of Beverly Cleary's **Ramona** stories. But she's good at heart, and readers can't wait to find out what this entertaining third-grader will think up next.

Redmond, Shirley-Raye**LEWIS AND CLARK: A PRAIRIE DOG
FOR THE PRESIDENT**

A bear? A buffalo? Explorers Lewis and Clark need to decide just what to bring back to President Jefferson as souvenirs of their trip. This **Step into Reading** book introduces children to the exploration of the West.

Ryan, Pam Munoz**BECOMING NAOMI LEON**

When Naomi's absent mother resurfaces to claim her, Naomi runs away to Mexico with her great grandmother and younger brother in search of her father, herself and her voice.

Vos, Ida**THE KEY IS LOST**

Two sisters go into hiding from the Nazis during World War II, and lose everything but each other. Based on the author's own experiences in wartime Holland.

Yee, Lisa**MILLCENT MIN, GIRL GENIUS**

In a series of journal entries, eleven-year-old child prodigy, Millicent Min, records her struggles to learn to play volleyball, tutor her enemy, deal with her grandmother's departure and to make friends over the course of one summer.



✓Ernst, Lisa Campbell

THE GINGERBREAD GIRL

She's one smart cookie and the younger sister of the Gingerbread Boy who was eaten by a fox. The Gingerbread Girl has a plan to escape her sibling's fate and end with something that is both sweet and satisfying for everyone this time.

Franco, Betsy

MATHEMATICKLES

Join a girl and her cat on a magical tour of the seasons as they wend their way through colorful, math-filled landscapes and jubilant, fun-filled mathscapes.

Harrison, David

THE ALLIGATOR IN THE CLOSET

This collection of 31 short poems about familiar things around the house makes a great read-aloud for younger children. Pen and ink and watercolor drawings compliment the text and add to the humor.

Hoberman, Mary Ann

**THE LLAMA WHO HAD NO PAJAMA:
100 FAVORITE POEMS**

Wordplay and poems that children will enjoy hearing over and over.

Hoberman, Mary Ann

**YOU READ TO ME, I'LL READ TO YOU:
VERY SHORT STORIES TO READ
TOGETHER**

Lively illustrations combine with colorful word placement to encourage the reading aloud of these short, snappy poems intended for two voices.

Hopkins, Lee Bennett

**DAYS TO CELEBRATE : A FULL YEAR
OF POETRY, PEOPLE, HOLIDAYS,
HISTORY, FASCINATING FACTS,
AND MORE**

A beautiful listing of events, births of famous people, and holidays, with information and poetry about the twelve months of the year. Included are zodiac signs and birthstones for each month of the year. Some of the writers represented include Robert Frost, Langston Hughes, and Gwendolyn Brooks. Entertaining!

Howitt, Mary Botham

THE SPIDER AND THE FLY

An illustrated version of the well-known poem about a wily spider who preys on the vanity and innocence of a little fly.

Janeczko, Paul B.

**A POKE IN THE I: A COLLECTION OF
CONCRETE POEMS**

Fanciful poems that take shape will delight and intrigue reluctant readers.

Janeczko, Paul B.

**DIRTY LAUNDRY PILE: POEMS IN
DIFFERENT VOICES**

Poems written from the viewpoint of animals or objects--a kite, a crayon, a pair of gloves--get children thinking in a new a way.



Pennypacker, Sara

STUART'S CAPE

Stuart is worrying about his first day at a new school. What does he need to feel better? A cape, of course, a cape that can take him on extraordinary adventures.

Pinkwater, Daniel

**BAD MANNERS IN THE BIG CITY:
AN IRVING & MUKTUK STORY**

Irving and Muktuk, two muffin-eating polar bears from the frozen north have some trouble fitting into life at the zoo in Bayonne, New Jersey.

Prelutsky, Jack

SCRANIMALS

Birds, beasts, vegetables, and flowers scrambled together in these poems to create creatures you have never met before. One super funny collection of poems!

Pullman, Philip

I WAS A RAT!

Old Bob the cobbler and his washerwoman wife, Joan, take in the disheveled boy in a page's uniform who shows up at their door and tells them, "I was a rat."

√Ruddell, Deborah

**TODAY AT THE BLUE-BIRD CAFE: A
BRANCHFUL OF BIRDS**

Twenty-two funny, silly, thoughtful, and sweet poems that truly capture the many personalities of many different birds in nature.

Schwartz, Alvin

**AND THE GREEN GRASS GREW ALL
AROUND; FOLK POETRY FROM
EVERYONE**

From autograph rhymes to riddles and story poems, this is a treasury of 250 folk poems celebrating American humor.

Shield, Carol Diggory

**ALMOST LATE TO SCHOOL:
AND MORE SCHOOL POEMS**

This companion book to **LUNCH MONEY: AND OTHER POEMS ABOUT SCHOOL**, contains 22 humorous poems about daily school life. Makes a great read aloud or read alone.

Wilbur, Richard

THE DISAPPEARING ALPHABET

Have you ever thought about what would happen if the alphabet gradually began to disappear?

√Wong, Janet S.

TWIST: YOGA POEMS

All yogis out there, this is a book for you! You'll find a collection of sixteen yoga poems along with illustrations that represent various yoga positions.



I Can Read Books

✓**Baker, Keith**

**ON THE GO WITH MR. AND MRS.
GREEN**

Move over George and Martha - here comes Mr. and Mrs. Green, a delightful alligator couple. These three stories are interspersed with exercises involving counting, multiplication, telling time, and interpreting a diagram. (*Part of a series*)

Baker, Barbara

DIGBY AND KATE 1,2,3

Digby the dog and Kate the cat don't always see things the same exact way but one thing they are sure about is that they always have fun together.

Bang-Campbell, Monika

LITTLE RAT SETS SAIL

With a little courage and a lot of practice, Little Rat overcomes her fear of sailing.

Bechtold, Lisze

BUSTER; THE VERY SHY DOG

Buster is shy, but he does have his strengths.

Bonsall, Crosby

WHO'S AFRAID OF THE DARK?

A young boy describes how his dog is afraid of the dark, but who is afraid, really?

Bottner, Barbara

PISH AND POSH

When Pish and Posh discover fairy magic, they face a series of wacky surprises.

Buckless, Andrea

CLASS PICTURE DAY

The students plan to stick out their tongues when asked to say "Cheese!"

Cannon, A. E.

**ON THE GO WITH PIRATE PETE
AND PIRATE JOE**

Pirate Pete and Pirate Joe are ready for action.

Capucilli, Alyssa

BISCUIT WINS A PRIZE

Biscuit, a small puppy, gets excited when he is entered in a pet show.

✓**Chaconas, Dori**

CORK AND FUZZ

Young nature-loving readers will enjoy this story about a possum named Cork and a muskrat named Fuzz. Although they are different in many ways, together they discover the rewards of an unusual friendship. (*First of a series*)



Miller, Sarah Swan

**THREE MORE STORIES YOU CAN
READ TO YOUR DOG**

Stories about going to the vet and getting a bath---a dog's point of view.

Nixon, Joan Lowery

**GUS & GERTIE AND
THE MISSING PEARL**

Arriving on Holiday Island, penguins Gus and Gertie stumble into a hotel full of bad guys and have a beautiful, valuable deep-sea pearl stolen from them.

Ruelle, Karen Gray

**THE MONSTER IN HARRY'S
BACKYARD**

Harry got a new fort for his birthday but it is a scary place to sleep.

Rylant, Cynthia

PUPPY MUDGE FINDS A FRIEND

Henry's puppy Mudge likes many things, especially playing with his friend, Fluffy the cat.

Spohn, Kate

TURTLE AND SNAKE AT WORK

Turtle directs traffic, snake makes pizzas and they both need to pay attention. Also: **TURTLE AND SNAKE GO CAMPING.**

Stern, Maggie

GEORGE AND DIGGETY

In this sequel to **GEORGE**, best friends George and Diggety go sledding, celebrate a birthday, and even attempt a doggy intelligence test!

√Thomas, Shelly Moore

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, GOOD KNIGHT

The Good Knight shows his three little dragon friends how to make gifts that come "from our hearts and our hands." A wonderful addition to the series which began with "**GOOD NIGHT, GOOD KNIGHT.**"

Van Leeuwen, Jean

**OLIVER AND ALBERT,
FRIENDS FOREVER**

Oliver and Albert become fast friends when they share their interests in kickball and insects. Also: **AMANDA THE PIG AND HER BEST FRIEND LOLLIPOP.**

Weeks, Sarah

DRIP, DROP

After a night of catching drips from a leaky roof, a little mouse decides that puddle jumping with his friends isn't all that it's cracked up to be. Also: **SPLISH, SPLASH.**

West, Colin

MOOSE AND MOUSE

The two stories in this book describe the friendship between a hardworking moose who is not too smart and an intelligent mouse who is always crabby.



Eldin, Peter**MAGIC**

Read all about it!---the history of magic from ancient days until today. Why did Houdini name himself after Jean Robert-Houdin? What do you now about animal magic? Learn to perform the "My Name is Magic" trick!

Glover, David**WHAT IS IT MADE OF?**

A collection of hands-on science experiments which teach children what things are made of. From the **Experiments in Science** series (DK).

Goldstone, Bruce**GREAT ESTIMATIONS**

How many marbles in the jar? Practice, practice, practice your estimation skills with the terrific photographs in this book using two strategies that are easy to learn.

Guiberson, Brenda Z.**THE EMPEROR LAYS AN EGG**

Emperor penguin parents share in the care of their chick from the time the egg is laid until the egg hatches. Wonderful illustrations capture their amazing lives.

Harness, Cheryl**THE AMAZING IMPOSSIBLE
ERIE CANAL**

This is a lively retelling of the history of the Erie Canal from the ground breaking to the effects of the canal on the new nation.

Janeczko, Paul B.**TOP SECRET; A HANDBOOK OF
CODES, CIPHERS, AND
SECRET WRITING**

A guide to codes and ciphers along with their role in history. It contains information and exercises on deciphering codes and acquiring tools to make a field kit.

Jenkins, Steve**ACTUAL SIZE**

Using torn-and-cut paper collages, this attractive book depicts 18 animals and insects in actual size.

King, Daniel**CHESS: FROM FIRST MOVES
TO CHECKMATE**

If you would like to learn to play chess, this book is for you. Learn how the game began, famous chess moves, the powers of each chess piece, and all kinds of strategies to defeat your opponents.

Larson, Peter**BONES ROCK! ; EVERYTHING YOU
NEED TO KNOW TO BE A
PALEONTOLOGIST**

A complete guide to paleontology that explains how to collect, clean, and study fossils. It also contains true stories of kids who have made noteworthy discoveries.



Schanzer, Rosalyn

**GEORGE VS. GEORGE:
THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
FROM BOTH SIDES**

Was King George a "Royal Brute?" or "the Father of the People." Was George Washington a traitor or "the father of his country." A fascinating look at both sides of a complicated story.

Schmandt-Besserat, Denise

THE HISTORY OF COUNTING

Describes the evolution of counting and the many ways to count and write numbers.

√Schubert, Leda

BALLET OF THE ELEPHANTS

In 1942, 50 elephants, dressed in pink tutus, danced to music composed just for them by Igor Stravinsky. Choreographed by George Balanchine, this unique ballet was part of John Ringling North's circus show, which was so popular it was performed 425 times!

Skurzynski, Gloria

**ON TIME: FROM SEASONS TO
SPLIT SECONDS**

This National Geographic book examines the way humans have measured time throughout history and discusses the units that are used to keep track of time.

St. George, Judith

SO, YOU WANT TO BE AN INVENTOR?

Presents some of the characteristics of inventors by describing the inventions of people such as Alexander Graham Bell, Thomas Edison, and Eli Whitney.

√St.Pierre, Stephanie

WHAT THE SEA SAW

This gorgeous picture book presents the perspective of a gull high above the sea as well as creatures far below. Information at the back provides suggestions for protecting the natural environment.

Ventura, Piero

GREAT COMPOSERS

Did you know that Mozart began composing at the age of eleven-or that Beethoven composed even after he lost his hearing? Companion book to **GREAT PAINTERS**.

Walker, Jane

**NATURAL DISASTERS:
EARTHQUAKES**

What is an earthquake and how does it begin? Which earthquake was the largest one in history? Find the answers to these questions and more in this attractive, fact-filled book!

Zaunders, Bo

**FEATHERS, FLAPS AND FLOPS:
FABULOUS EARLY FLIERS**

Who was "Wrong Way Corrigan" and how did he earn such a peculiar name? Exciting stories about early balloonists and aviators fill this fun book.



Friedman, Ina

HOW MY PARENTS LEARNED TO EAT

An American sailor courts a Japanese girl and each tries in secret to learn the other's way of eating.

Hamilton, Virginia, reteller

**THE PEOPLE COULD FLY:
AMERICAN BLACK FOLK TALES**

A collection of African-American folk tales of animals, fantasy, and the supernatural--all tales united by a longing for freedom.

Ho, Minfong

PEEK!: A THAI HIDE-AND-SEEK

In rhyming text, a father and his daughter play hide and seek around their house in Thailand, and we see a rooster, turtle, elephant, alligator and tiger.

Jackson, Ellen B.

**IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL WE GO!
FIRST DAY STORIES FROM
AROUND THE WORLD**

First day school experiences representing eleven different countries. Find out what the children eat and wear, the subjects they study, and the games and sports they play. This is a wonderful book with a multinational approach.

√Katz, Karen

CAN YOU SAY PEACE?

Peace! Celebrated every September 21st is the International Day of Peace, a day when children around the world wish for peace in several different languages. Get a head start on learning many ways to wish others peace.

Kidd, Diana

ONION TEARS

A Vietnamese girl tries to adjust to her new life with a foster mother.

Lewin, Ted

**BIG JIMMY'S KUM KAU
CHINESE TAKE OUT**

The sights, sounds and smells of a Chinese take-out restaurant as seen by the owner's son.

√Look, Lenore

**UNCLE PETER'S AMAZING CHINESE
WEDDING**

Jenny, a Chinese-American girl, describes the festivities that occur in her uncle's wedding and the customs behind them, including bargaining for the bride, wearing red for good luck, and bed-jumping. You'll learn more about these and other Chinese traditions.

Lord, Bette Bao

**IN THE YEAR OF THE BOAR AND
JACKIE ROBINSON**

Drawing on her own memories, the author depicts, with humor, the pain and triumph of her immigrant experience.



Atsushi loves to eat sushi. Follow him as he goes on a tour that begins in his own neighborhood sushi shop and takes him to Toyko's famous Tsukiji Fish Market.

Perez, Amada Irma

**MY VERY OWN ROOM/
MI PROPRIO CUARTITO**

Craving a space all her own after years of sharing a room with her five little brothers, a nine-year-old Mexican-American girl decides she should take over the storage closet for her very own.

Pinkney, Sandra L.

A RAINBOW ALL AROUND ME

This beautiful book illustrates that the world is full of many skin colors that reflect who we are and what we do.

Polacco, Patricia

MR. LINCOLN'S WAY

When Mr. Lincoln discovers that Eugene, the school bully, knows a lot about birds, he uses this interest to help Eugene overcome his intolerance.

Raven, Margot Theis

**CIRCLE UNBROKEN: THE STORY OF
A BASKET AND ITS PEOPLE**

Keeping their African heritage alive, a grandmother tells the tale of Gullahs and their beautiful sweetgrass baskets.

√Raven, Margot Theis

LET THEM PLAY

The title of this book comes from the chant that was shouted by spectators who attended the 1955 Little League World Series final in Williamsport, Pennsylvania where a game that was supposed to be a game for children became an arena for segregation and adult prejudice leading to a boycott.

Recorvits, Helen

MY NAME IS YOON

Korean-born Yoon, or "shining wisdom", dislikes her name when it is written in English, and begins to refer to herself as "cat," "bird," and "cupcake" as a way to feel more comfortable in her new school and country.

Shahan, Sherry

**SPICY HOT COLORS/
COLORES PICANTES**

A sizzling exploration of colors in English and in Spanish is much more than the typical introduction; rhythmic and bold, this is a visual treat.

Smith, Cynthia Leitch

INDIAN SHOES

Ray Halfmoon finds interesting and amusing solutions to some of life's challenges.

√Yin

BROTHERS

Having arrived in San Francisco from China to work in his brothers store, Ming is very lonely until an Irish boy befriends him, and, among other things, teaches Ming to speak English. This is a touching story about the immigrant experience.



Hildick, E. W.

**THE SERIAL SNEAK THIEF:
A FELICITY SNELL MYSTERY**

Mystery series featuring intrepid children's librarian, and former private investigator, Felicity Snell. Also: **THE CASE OF THE PURLOINED PARROT**.

Holmes, Barbara

FOLLOWING FAKE MAN

When his mother takes him to the family's old home in Maine, twelve-year-old Homer tries to find out the truth about his dead father and about a mysterious costumed man who keeps appearing in his life.

Howe, James

NIGHTLY NIGHTMARE

When scary strangers appear at the Monroes' overnight campsite, Chester the cat tries to convince the family's two dogs that foul play is intended. Also: **BUNNICULA; THE CELERY STALKS AT MIDNIGHT; HOWLIDAY INN**.

Landon, Lucinda

**MEG MACKINTOSH AND THE CASE
OF THE MISSING BABE RUTH
BASEBALL**

Clues in the pictures as well as in the text help to make this book (and others in the **series**) a mind stretcher for young readers.

Pullman, Philip

DETECTIVE STORIES

A collection of mystery and detective tales includes short story selections from well-known authors Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Agatha Christie and Isaac Asimov!

Quackenbush, Robert

PIET POTTER'S FIRST CASE

Piet, a boy detective, uses a blank sheet of paper, a key, and a subway map to help his neighbor solve a puzzling message in a will.

Roy, Ron

THE ABSENT AUTHOR

Famous mystery author Wallis Wallace has been kidnapped. Can Dick Duncan and his two friends find him? The **A to Z Mystery Series** now goes up to the letter "U"!

Rylant, Cynthia

THE CASE OF THE MISSING MONKEY

While having breakfast in their favorite diner, detectives Bunny and Jack solve a mystery that is not what it seems. **High-Rise Private Eyes** (series).

Sanvoisin, Eric

LITTLE RED INK DRINKER

As Odilon and Carmilla begin one of their favorite tales---they love to suck up the ink in books---the straw sucks them right into the middle of the story! Also: **THE INK DRINKER, A STRAW FOR TWO, and THE CITY OF INK DRINKERS**.



Picture Books

Agee, Jon

MILO'S HAT TRICK

Can *you* pull a rabbit out of a hat? Milo cannot either but, oh, what he *can* do!!! A funny, funny story about this oh-so-talented magician.

Bottner, Barbara

WALLACE'S LISTS

Devoted to making lists about everything in his life, Wallace the mouse discovers the joys of spontaneity and adventure when he becomes friends with his neighbor Albert.

Buehner, Caralyn

SUPERDOG: THE HEART OF A HERO

Tired of being overlooked because he is so small, a big-hearted dog named Dexter transforms himself into a superhero.

Chen, Zhiyuan

GUJI GUJI

Guji Guji, a crocodile hatched and raised by a mother duck, must come up with a plan to save his family when some naughty crocodiles try to convince him to serve up his relatives for their dinner.

Cole, Brock

BUTTONS

When their father eats so much that he pops the buttons off his britches, each of his daughters tries a different plan to find replacements.

✓Cronin, Doreen

DOOBY DOOBY MOO

Duck and his friends at the farm are hatching a plot to win a talent contest at the county fair. Farmer Brown knows they are up to something, but is not sure what.

Fleischman, Paul

THE ANIMAL HEDGE

After being forced to sell the animals he loves, a farmer cuts his hedge to look like them and teaches his sons about following their hearts. A book that will entertain and inspire.

Garner, Alan

THE WELL OF THE WIND

A brother and sister found by a fisherman, a witch, three quests, a well of water, a square tower spinning in the wind, shining stars on foreheads---a beautifully told tale about courage.



McCully, Emily Arnold

THE ORPHAN SINGER

The Dolci family cannot afford to train their daughter Catarina who has such a beautiful voice. The only way they can give her this special training is to place her in Venice's famous orphanage.

Myers, Christopher

WINGS

Embrace and celebrate the differences among people. Who is Ikarus Jackson and who was that Icarus of Greek mythology fame? Read this one and then find some Greek myths to read.

Napoli, Donna Jo

ALBERT

Albert is afraid to go outside. One day, when he sticks his hand outside his window, two cardinals build a nest in his palm. What would you do?

O'Neill, Alexis

THE RECESS QUEEN

Mean Jean is recess queen and she rules the schoolyard---until Katie Sue comes to her school. What will Jean do now? Will Katie Sue become the new recess queen?

Paterson, Katherine

THE WIDE-AWAKE PRINCESS

Miranda, the princess, had been granted the gift of always being wide awake. Because of this special gift, she is able to see things that other people have missed.

Root, Phyllis

BIG MOMMA MAKES THE WORLD

When Big Momma makes the world, she doesn't mess around. "Earth," she says, "get over here." And it does! An interesting twist on the idea of creation.

Schuch, Steve

A SYMPHONY OF WHALES

Can Glaska, the only person in her village who can hear the voice of Narna, the whale, help the thousands of whales who are trapped in an inlet of the sea? This story is based on an actual event and is a tale of bravery, faith and music.

Shulevitz, Uri

**WHAT IS A WISE BIRD LIKE YOU
DOING IN A SILLY TALE LIKE THIS?**

"Nonsense is alive and well and living in Pickleberry---Lou Pickleberry." Lou is an intelligent and clever talking bird. He belongs to the Emperor of Pickleberry in this unusual and crazy tale.

✓Sierra, Judy

**THE SCIENCE PROJECT THAT
ALMOST ATE THE SCHOOL**

Find out what not to do for your science project.

Sis, Peter

**A SMALL TALL TALE FROM
THE FAR NORTH**

One hundred years ago, young Jan Welzl disappeared from his home for thirty years. This tall tale mixed with fact is a visual feast as we travel to the land of the Eskimos---maps, story boards, etc.



Predictable Pattern Books

Books with a repetitive pattern in which a certain phrase or sentence is repeated throughout the story. Beginning readers love these stories.

Baer, Gene

THUMP, THUMP, RAT-A-TAT

Casanova, Mary

ONE DOG CANOE

Clark, Emma

FOLLOW THE LEADER!

Cronin, Doreen

CLICK, CLACK, MOO: COWS THAT TYPE

Fleming, Denise

BUSTER

Fox, Mem

WHERE IS THE GREEN SHEEP?

Gay, Marie-Louise

GOOD MORNING SAM

Johnson, Angela

VIOLET'S MUSIC

Mack, Todd

PRINCESS PENELOPE

Milton, Tony

DINOSAURUMPUS!

Parr, Todd

IT'S OKAY TO BE DIFFERENT

Pearson, Tracey Campbell

BOB

Rusachas, Francesca

I LOVE YOU ALL DAY LONG

Taback, Simms

JOSEPH HAD A LITTLE OVERCOAT

Udry, Janice May

A TREE IS NICE

Vagin, Vladimir

THE ENORMOUS CARROT

Wahl, Jan

KNOCK! KNOCK!

Walters, Virginia

ARE WE THERE YET, DADDY?

Webb, Steve

**TANKA TANKA SKUNK!:
RHYTHM AND RHYME**

Wilson, Karma

BEAR WANTS MORE



√Demi**SU DONGPO: CHINESE GENIUS**

Su Dongpo was a politician poet, painter, engineer, and architect with great knowledge, skills, accomplishments, wisdom and character.

Fisher, Leonard Everett**ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL**

Noted author/artist, Fisher surveys the family life, career and achievements of Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the indispensable telephone!

Fradin, Dennis Brindell**NICOLAUS COPERNICUS: THE EARTH IS A PLANET**

Nicolaus Copernicus, who lived one hundred years before the invention of the telescope, did not believe that all the heavenly bodies moved around the earth, but no one would listen to him!

Gerstein, Mordecai**THE MAN WHO WALKED BETWEEN THE TOWERS**

A true story retelling the bold feat of a young Frenchman who walked on a tightrope between the World Trade Center twin towers in 1974. Beautiful oil paintings and text compliment the outrageous feat achieved by Philippe Petit.

Gerstein, Mordicai**WHAT CHARLIE HEARD**

Describes the life of American composer Charles Ives, who wrote music which expressed all the sounds he heard in the world.

Harness, Cheryl**REMEMBER THE LADIES: 100 GREAT AMERICAN WOMEN**

Do you know who Billie Jean King or Toni Morrison are? Read about their lives as well as the lives of ninety-eight other important women in this wonderful book.

Hazell, Rebecca**THE BAREFOOT BOOK OF HEROIC CHILDREN**

Twelve accounts of boys and girls who struggled against the odds to achieve greatness. Inspirational and engaging, with sections written in the child's voice.

Krull, Kathleen**HARVESTING HOPE: THE STORY OF CAESAR CHAVEZ**

A biography of Caesar Chavez, from age ten to his 340-mile march to protest the working conditions of migrant farm workers in California.

Krull, Kathleen**THE BOY ON FAIRFIELD STREET: HOW TED GEISEL GREW UP TO BECOME DR. SEUSS**

Introduces the life of Ted Geisel, best known as Dr. Seuss.



Rubin, Susan Goldman

**THE YELLOW HOUSE: VINCENT VAN GOGH & PAUL GAUGUIN
SIDE BY SIDE**

A wonderful introduction to these two artists, the differences in their styles and how they worked. Reproductions of their paintings included.

Schnur, Stephen, editor

HENRY DAVID'S HOUSE

Excerpts from Thoreau's **WALDEN** highlight his belief in the inherent value of living life in harmony with nature.

Shaw, Maura D.

GANDHI: INDIA'S GREAT SOUL

Who was Gandhi and why was he so important to India? Why did Martin Luther King, Jr. think that Gandhi was one of the greatest men of all time?

Sis, Peter

TIBET: THROUGH THE RED BOX

Enter a foreign, mysterious land and read about the unbelievable adventures of the author's father!

Stanley, Diane

**SALADIN: NOBLE
PRINCE OF ISLAM**

A biography of the Moslem leader who opposed the crusaders under King Richard the Lionheart.

Thimmesh, Catherine

**THE SKY'S THE LIMIT: STORIES OF
DISCOVERY BY WOMEN AND GIRLS**

Presents brief accounts of the work of a variety of women and girl discoverers in such fields as astronomy, biology, anthropology, and medicine.

**Visconti, Guido &
Bimba Landmann**

THE GENIUS OF LEONARDO

Artist, map-maker, engineer, scientist, architect, musician, dreamer, inventor, and exceptional individual---meet Leonardo daVinci!

Winter, Jeanette

BEATRIX

Once there was a little girl who could tame any animal and, when she grew up, she introduced the world to Peter Rabbit and other childhood friends.

Winter, Jonah

FRIDA

Illustrations and simple text chronicle the life of artist Frida Kahlo, how she learned to paint, how painting saved her life, and why her paintings are unique.

Winter, Jonah

DIZZY

Beaten by his father and bullied by other kids, Dizzy Gillespie was given a trumpet by his music teacher. Gillespie used the music to heal his pain and entertain others.



Buck-Murray, Marian

**THE MASH & SMASH COOKBOOK:
FUN AND YUMMY RECIPES EVERY
KID CAN MAKE!**

Fifty quick and easy recipes with step-by-step instructions for children. Recipes with catchy names such as "Smash and Squish Spaghetti Sauce" are organized into breakfast, sandwich, snack, side dish, supper, and dessert sections.

Bull, Jane

THE COOKING BOOK

A collection of fifty easy recipes with simple text, bold graphics and clear step-by-step photographs for creating a variety of foods.

Dooley, Norah

EVERYBODY SERVES SOUP

While shoveling walks on a snowy day to earn money to buy her mother a holiday present, Carrie is invited to sample soups made by families of different ethnicities and comes up with an idea for just the right gift. Seven soup recipes are included.

**Enderle, Judith Ross &
Stephanie Jacob Gordon**

**SOMETHING'S HAPPENING ON
CALABASH ST.: A STORY WITH
THIRTEEN RECIPES**

Mischa and his mother join their neighbors at an open-air market where they all shop for the ingredients for their contributions to their street festival. The text is followed by 13 recipes for the specialties served at the Calabash Street Fair.

Fleming, Candace

GATOR GUMBO

A hungry alligator, slow with age, hopes to catch some good meat to add to his spicy gumbo.

Gordon, Lynn

**MESSIPES: A MICROWAVE
COOKBOOK OF DELICIOUSLY
MESSY MASTERPIECES**

More than 20 colorfully illustrated, easy but tasty recipes for such varied fare as "hot apple planet," "hot chili volcano," and "eggstraterrestrials" are included along with tips on kitchen and microwave safety.

Goss, Gary

**BLUE MOON SOUP:
A FAMILY COOKBOOK**

Even beginning chefs can create the scrumptious soups in this fabulous collection of easy-to-follow recipes.

Greenstein, Elaine

ICE-CREAM CONES FOR SALE!

Read to find out who really invented the ice cream cone, even before the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair where five people claim they did so.



Osseo-Asare, Fran

**A GOOD SOUP ATTRACTS CHAIRS:
A FIRST AFRICAN COOKBOOK FOR
AMERICAN KIDS**

Includes over 35 easy-to-follow recipes from West Africa and Ghana and instructions on how to throw an African party.

**Pulleyn, Micha &
Sarah Bracken**

**KIDS IN THE KITCHEN: 100
DELICIOUS, FUN & HEALTHY
RECIPES TO COOK AND BAKE**

Detailed instructions accompanied by wonderful photographic illustrations demonstrate recipes step-by-step. Includes recipes like harvest bars, vegetable shish-kebobs, cinnamon ornaments, and much more.

Rylant, Cynthia

**HENRY AND MUDGE AND
THE FUNNY LUNCH**

Find out what Henry and Mudge are cooking up for Mother's Day!

✓Silverman, Buffy

FOLLOW THAT FOOD

Examines the ingredients found in pepperoni pizza and explores where they come from and how they are processed.

Swain, Ruth Freeman

**HOW SWEET IT IS (AND WAS):
THE HISTORY OF CANDY**

A history of sugary sweets, from the Romans' stuffed dates to Hershey bars. Lots of details about some of the ingredients contained in a variety of candies and chewing gum. Recipes for Vasser Fudge, Sugar Paste, and Belly-Guts Taffy.

Torres, Leyla

SATURDAY SANCOCHO

Wits and clever trading skills help Mama Ana and Maria Lili get a chicken for their family's meal. Create your own marketplace by trading handmade book jackets or bookmarks, or prepare and share "Mama Ana's Chicken Sancocho."

Waters, Alice

FANNY AT CHEZ PANISSE

Seven-year-old Fanny describes her adventures with food and cooking at her mother's restaurant in Berkeley, California. Includes forty-two recipes.

Williamson, Sarah A.

BAKE THE BEST-EVER COOKIES!

A cookie collection created simply for the enjoyment of children.

✓Wilkes, Angela

**THE CHILDREN'S STEP-BY-STEP
COOKBOOK**

This exciting book could be considered a first cooking course for young chefs with its multitude of mouthwatering dishes. It contains more than fifty step-by-step recipes which show photographs of each stage of the recipe.



SPORTS FICTION & NON-FICTION

Fiction

Adler, David

MAMA PLAYED BASEBALL

Amy helps her mother to get a job as a player in the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League while Amy's father is serving in the Army during World War II.

✓Bowen, Fred

THE GOLDEN GLOVE

Jamie's lost his lucky glove, and without it, he doesn't believe he can lead his baseball team to victory. That is, until he learns that faith in oneself is the most important equipment for any game. A title from the often-missed **AllStar SportStory** series.

Caseley, Judith

FIELD DAY FRIDAY

Best friends Mickey and Longjohn are both good runners and amiably compete on the playground. The friendship is tested, however, during Field Day at school.

✓Corbett, Sue

FREE BASEBALL

Felix knows his dad was a famous baseball player in Cuba. When a team with Cuban players comes into town, Felix wonders if they knew his dad. To uncover his father's story, Felix becomes the team's batboy. An engaging, well-written story with a satisfying ending.

✓Haven, Paul

TWO HOT DOGS WITH EVERYTHING

Danny believes that the outcome of Sluggers' games depends on him and hot dogs. Eating two hot dogs with everything before each game is the best luck a fan can give, isn't it? An exciting read with an action-packed finale!

Hopkins, Lee Bennett

SPORTS! SPORTS! SPORTS!

A collection of poems celebrating the joy and anguish of baseball, basketball, football, ice hockey, soccer, skating, swimming, and running races.

Hopkinson, Deborah

**GIRL WONDER: A BASEBALL
STORY IN NINE INNINGS**

In the early 1900s, Alta Weiss, a young woman who knows from an early age that she loves baseball, finds a way that she can play, even though she is a girl.



Non-fiction

Baptiste, Baron

**MY DADDY IS A PRETZEL: YOGA
FOR PARENTS AND KIDS**

Baptiste is an internationally known yoga instructor and his debut yoga title for children uses a clever fiction framework to introduce basic poses. This is a great book for kids and parents alike to enjoy an introduction to the power of yoga.

Buckley, James

PLAY BALL!

Photographs and text show the young reader how to warm up, select equipment, and play baseball.

Cooper, Elisha

BALLPARK

Describes the activities that go on in all areas of a baseball stadium both before and during a game.

Crossingham, John

SWIMMING IN ACTION

From the successful "**Bobbie Kalman**" series sports books, helps readers understand the fundamentals of swimming, the essentials and details of each competitive stroke. Drawings and photographs highlight the information.

Feldman, Jane

I AM A SKATER

Beautiful photographs of skater Emily Hughes. Surprise--she's Olympic gold medalist Sarah Hughes' younger sister! Also: **I AM A GYMNAST.**

Lehn, Barbara

WHAT IS AN ATHLETE?

Through simple statements and photographs, this book depicts young people engaged in activities that exhibit the qualities of an athlete.

Maas, Dave

**KIDS GONE FISHING: THE YOUNG
ANGLER'S GUIDE TO CATCHING
MORE AND BIGGER FISH**

Offers information on tackle, types of fish, how to make a fish bite, and when to keep a fish.

Myers, Walter Dean

**THE JOURNAL OF BIDDY OWENS:
THE NEGRO LEAGUES**

Teenager Biddy Owens' 1948 journal about working for the Birmingham Black Barons includes the games, the players, the racism the team faces from New Orleans to Chicago, and his family's resistance to his becoming a professional baseball player.



2007 Reading List

